

MUSIC TEACHERS—APPOINTMENT OF.

19. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) with whom is the power of appointment of Music teachers in Sirkar schools vested at present;

(b) what is the grade of pay of Music teachers;

(c) the number of appointments (permanent and acting) made to that post in 1112, 1113 and 1114?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(a) With the Director of Public Instruction and the three Inspecting Officers, viz., Inspector, Northern Division, Inspector, Southern Division and the Inspectress of Schools.

(b) There are three grades, Rs. 20, 20—1½—35 and 35—1½—50.

(c)	Permanent.	Acting.
1112	5	27
1113	2	13
1114	..	8

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the communities from which these persons are appointed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They are published periodically, and if the hon'ble member wants figures, I want notice.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): May I know the reason for keeping these appointments outside the purview of the Staff Selection Board?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I think certain appointments requiring technical qualifications—I am speaking from memory—were left as it were to be considered by technical experts, and that was the only reason, I think or one of the reasons which weighed with the Committee which drafted the rules of the Staff Selection Board.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Is there any minimum qualification prescribed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Mr. A. L. Antony (*Irinjalakkuda*): Are we to take that these appointing authorities are experts in music?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): They are not experts in the sense that they are musicians. But constantly they are in touch with these people and they can get the views of experts.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Is expert opinion taken generally?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. In many cases, if there is the slightest doubt, expert opinion is taken.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Is there any record to show that expert opinion is taken?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Who was the expert consulted?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*): I do not know whether any useful purpose will be served by knowing that.

EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES IN SCIENCE.

20. Mr. C. V. Iyyu (*Kunnamkulam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of girls and boys who have passed in B. Sc., after B. Sc. classes were started in the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam and their groups and the years in which they have passed;

(b) how many of them have been employed in the Government and aided services respectively;

(c) do the Government give any preference to B. Sc. graduates over Science B. A. degree holders;

(d) if not, the reason for not preferring?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon (*Director of Public Instruction*):

				1937.		1938.	
				Boys.	Girls.	Boys.	Girls.
(a)	B. Sc. Gr.	I		...	1	2	1
	"	II		3	3	3	1
	"	III		13	2	10	4
	"	V		8	4	7	1
(b)	Government		4				
	Aided		2				

(c) and (d) The selection is made by the Staff Selection Board on communal rotation with the minimum qualification fixed for selection as the basis. Other things being equal, preference is given to superior qualification.